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EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PINS, EG

SUBJ: EGYPT AIR HIJACKING OVER

REF CAIRO 11303,

1. LATE THIS AFTERNOON, DMI INFORMED DATT THAT AIRCRAFT STILL IN LUXOR AND WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. MILITARY HAD SURROUNDED AIRCRAFT AND ITS TIRES HAD BEEN DEFLATED. GOVERNOR OF LUXOR HAD INITIALLY NEGOTIATED WITH HIJACKERS TO GIVE TIME FOR PRIMIN AND GAMASY TO ARRIVE. PRIMIN AND GAMASY THEN TOOK OVER. COMMANDO  
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UNIT PRESENT AND, IF NEGOTIATIONS DID NOT SUCCEED, IT WOULD

STORM AIRCRAFT. ACCORDING DMI'S INFO AT THE TIME, HIJACKERS CONSISTED OF FIVE LIYBANS, ONE ALGERIAN AND ONE PALESTINIAN. PASSENGERS INCLUDED FORTY JAPENESE, TWENTY ONE FRENCH, THIRTY THREE ARABS, AND ONE AMERICAN AND THREE OTHERS.

2. COL RIDA METAWA, DEPDIR OF STATE SECURITY FOR CAIRO, CALLED EMBOFF AT 1745 TO SAY THAT AIRCRAFT HAD BEEN STORMED, HIJACKERS CAPTURED AND ALL PASSENGERS AND CREW RESCUED UNHARMED. NO DAMAGE TO AIRCRAFT. HIJACKERS ARE IN GOE CUSTODY. REPORT CONFIRMED BY GEN FUAD FERID, DIR OF CAIRO SECURITY, WHO CLAIMED THERE WERE ONLY THREE TERRORISTS. FAHMY'S CHEF DE CABINET, USAMA EL-BAZ HAS JUST TELEPHONED AMB TO CONFIRM SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME.

3. WE ARE ATTEMPTING RESOLVE CONFLICT ON NUMBERS AND IDENTITIES OF HIJACKERS AND PASSENGERS, ESPECIALLY AMERICANS, AS WELL AS OTHER DETAILS. WE WILL ALSO ENDEAVOR CONTACT AMERICAN PASSENGER(S) TO GET FIRST HAND ACCOUNT AND OFFER ANY HELP.  
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